

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An electrical box suitable for safely and efficiently housing an electrical connection, the electrical connection being made between at least two electrical conductors, said electrical box comprising:

a bottom;

a plurality of adjacent side walls, each said side wall being at least partially joined to said bottom and to each adjacent side wall to form an open box, each said side wall having a top edge wherein the top edges define an open box perimeter;

a top hingedly joined to one said top edge of one said side wall and adapted to be moveable from an open position to a closed position;

at least one said side wall comprising at least one conductor opening, said conductor opening being adjacent to and including said top edge of said side wall ~~and being adapted~~ to receive at least one of the electrical conductors, said conductor opening being at least partially defined by said top when said top is in said closed position; and wherein said conductor opening comprises frangible portions.

2. (original) The electrical box of Claim 1, wherein said top is unitary with said top edge of said side wall.

3. (original) The electrical box of Claim 1, wherein said top is hingedly joined by a living hinge.

4. (canceled) The electrical box of Claim 1, wherein said conductor opening comprises frangible portions.

5. (currently amended) The electrical box of Claim 1, wherein said conductor opening ~~is adapted to engage~~ comprises a pliable seal.

6. (canceled) The electrical box of Claim 1, wherein said open box perimeter is adapted to engage at least one pliable seal.

7. (currently amended) The electrical box of Claim 1, wherein said top comprises a pliable seal ~~adapted~~ to at least partially seal ~~with~~ said open box perimeter when said top is in a closed position.

8. (currently amended) An electrical box suitable for safely and efficiently housing an electrical connection, the electrical connection being made between at least two electrical conductors, said electrical box comprising:
- a bottom;
 - a plurality of adjacent side walls, each said side wall being joined to said bottom and to each adjacent side wall to form an open box, each said side wall having a top edge wherein the top edges define an open box perimeter;
 - a top hingedly joined to one said top edge of one said side wall and adapted to be moveable from an open position to a closed position;
 - at least one said side wall comprising at least one conductor opening, said conductor opening being offset from a top edge of said side wall;
 - ~~means for adapting said side wall comprising at least one conductor opening a~~ frangible member to permit ~~unobstructed~~ access from said top edge of said side wall to said conductor opening, such that at least one of the electrical conductors can be placed into said conductor opening via said ~~unobstructed~~ access.
9. (canceled) An electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said means for adapting said side wall comprises an open slot.
10. (canceled) An electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said means for adapting said side wall comprises a frangible member.
11. (original) The electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said top is unitary with said top edge of said side wall.
12. (original) The electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said top is hingedly joined by a living hinge.
13. (presently amended) The electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said conductor opening is ~~adapted to engage~~ comprises a pliable seal.
14. (canceled) The electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said open box perimeter is adapted to engage at least one pliable seal.
15. (presently amended) The electrical box of Claim 8, wherein said top comprises a pliable seal ~~adapted~~ to at least partially seal with said open box perimeter when said top is in a closed position.